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## DESALINATION PLANT PROVIDES DIVERSE WATER SUPPLY



The City of Santa Barbara Charles E. Meyer Desalination Plant.

The City of Santa Barbara Charles E. Meyer Desalination Plant is in the startup phase, marking a key step in reactivating the Desal Plant as an important water supply for the City.

The Desal Plant has the capacity to produce three million gallons of water per day, which is about 30 percent of the City's demand. Along with continued extraordinary conservation and the City's other water supplies, desal water is another important element in the City's plan to ensure the community has safe and sufficient drinking water.

The desal treatment process includes conditioning the water to make it compatible with existing infrastructure and water supplies. The City is also performing additional lead and copper monitoring and corrosion testing throughout the distribution system to confirm the desal water has no negative impacts to the City's water pipes and supporting infrastructure.

The City's desal water meets or exceeds all state and federal drinking water regulations and is softer than local surface and groundwater supplies. Soft water contains lower levels of naturally occurring calcium and magnesium, meaning it could eliminate or reduce some customer's need for water softeners, and may require some businesses to change their private water conditioning system settings. Your water conditioning company can assist you with making adjustments, if needed.

The City is committed to delivering safe and reliable drinking water to meet the City's water demands now and into the future. For more information, visit the City's website at **SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Desal** or call the Water Resources Division 564-5378.







# BE A PART OF SANTA BARBARA'S ALL-AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION AT THE WATERFRONT!



View of 2016 fireworks show from Stearns Wharf. Photo courtesy of Fritz Olenberger.

From Shoreline Park and City beaches, to Santa Barbara Harbor and Stearns Wharf, the waterfront is the place to be this Fourth of July for a day and night of Independence Day festivities! Make sure to join the fun at the all-American celebration at West Beach and on Stearns Wharf. Working with partner organizations, the City is excited to present local musicians for fun beach tunes and patriotic music at West Beach and Stearns Wharf stages, as well as food vendors along Cabrillo Boulevard from State to Castillo streets from 12 p.m. – 9 p.m.

The event culminates with a bang during a 20-minute fireworks display, care of Garden State Fireworks and funded by the Waterfront Department. Fireworks will launch from West Beach starting at approximately 9 p.m. and be simulcast on local radio station KjEE 92.9 FM and streamed live on KEYT.com thanks to local media partnerships. Open for free public viewing, visitors are encouraged to arrive early for the fireworks display or tune into KjEE to enjoy the musically choreographed production throughout the city.

## IS YOUR FAVORITE BUSINESS CLEAN CREEKS CERTIFIED?



What NOT to do: When wash water from your business reaches the street and storm drain, it flows into our creeks and oceans untreated, polluting our water.

Since 2006, an impressive 216 local restaurants, automotive businesses, mobile washers, and contractors have become certified as Clean Creeks Businesses! The City of Santa Barbara Creeks Division invites business owners and managers to participate in this voluntary program to help protect local creek and ocean water quality. Once a business is inspected and certified, they receive a window decal for their place of business or vehicle, and a certificate from the Mayor identifying them as a Clean Creeks Business. Certified Businesses are promoted at community events, on the Creeks Division's website and social media pages, in the monthly Creeks Division E-News, the quarterly Doing Business in Santa Barbara email newsletter, and in print ads in local publications.

To see the complete list of Clean Creeks Certified Businesses, or to learn more about how to get your business certified, visit **SantaBarbaraCA.gov/creeks**.



